MINUTES HARC ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

PRESENT: Martha Harris, Michael Hobbs, Martha Raymond

GUESTS: None

LOCATION: La Madeleine, 500 King Street, Alexandria, VA

GENERAL DISCUSSION: With only three Advocacy Committee members present we lacked a quorum so we had an informal discussion and no firm decisions were taken.

There was general discussion recapping our April HARC discussion re: sending an informational letter to the BAR, highlighting the value of a National Register nomination.

Members discussed plans for a change in bonus zoning heights briefed by city staff and suggested that it would be useful to clarify exactly what the impacts of the changes might be on specific neighborhoods, whether there may be other alternatives to achieve the goals of affordable housing by using the new zoning category developed for the Heritage project. There was a general consensus that it would be useful for the city to provide more information and clarification before decisions are made.

With the absence of a quorum, no firm decisions were taken.

Next meeting: June 7, 2022, 10:00am, at La Madeleine (if in-person meetings continue).